

## Message Text

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INFO AMCONSUL KADUNA IMMEDIATE

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FOR AFRICAN BUREAU ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTS VISIT TO KANO

1. AS PLLCOUNS AND I WERE SEEING AMBASSADOR MUS ANYWAY THIS EVENING FOR ANOTHER RUN OVER THE COURSE, I WAS ABLE TO SOUND HIM OUT ON THE BAYERO OPTION. I SUGGESTED THAT THE SPEECH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE GIVEN UNDER UNIVERSITY AUSPICES EVEN THOUGH UNIVERSITY NOT IN SESSION. ALTERNATIVELY I MIGHT BE SPONSORED BY NIIA OR JOINTLY BY NIIA AND UNIVERSITY. SO LONG AS THE SITE WAS ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS, OBASANJO'S PRESENCE WOULD NOT ENTAIL PRECEDENT PROBLEM FOR THE FUTURE.

2. MUSA SAID HE WOULD TRY TO IDEA ON CIROMA RIGHT AWAY. HE SAID THAT IF CIROMA FOUND THE IDEA OF INTEREST, THE TWO OF THEM WOULD THEN GO TO YAR'ADUA TO SEE WHETHER HE WOULD CONTACT OBASANJO WHO IS TRAVELING IN OYO STATE UNTIL SUNDAY. I OFFERED TO GO WITH MUSA THEN, OR JOIN SUBSEQUENTLY IF CIROMA OR YAR'ADUA WANTED ME. MUSA SAID TO LEAVE IT WITH HIM, HE WOULD GET BACK TO ME.

3. MUSA CAME TO MY HOUSE SEVERAL HOURS LATER TO REPORT THAT CIROMA  
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WAS UNWILLING TO PURSUE THE IDEA. CIROMA SAID HE HAD TALKED ABOUT KANO AGAIN WITH OBASANJO YESTERDAY AND THERE WAS NO REPORT NO POSSIBILITY HE WOULD REVIEW HIS DECISION AGAINST ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT TO KANO. CIROMA THEN REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, I.E., THAT IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE KADAWA IN HIS VISIT, OBASANJO WANTED THE KANO TRIP CANCELLED.

4. I JUDGE WE'RE ABOUT AT THE END OF THE ROAD ON THIS ONE.  
MULIPLE SOURCES HAVE TOLD US OBASANJO IS FIRM ON A) NOT GOING  
HIMSELF TO KANO, AND B) WANTING THE PRESIDENT TO SEE KADAWA.  
TWICE IN THE PAST TWO DAYS HE HAS REVIEWED BOTH QUESTIONS AT  
OUR INSISTENCE. TWICE HE HAS SAID CANCELKANO WITHOUT KADAWA.

5. IN LEAVING, MUSA SOMEWHAT SADLY MUSED, 'ANYHOW, HE CANT  
GOWITH YOUR PRESIDENT TO KANO WHEN KOUNTCHE WAS JUST THERE  
WITHOUT HIM - AND NIGER IS OUR NEIGHBOR AFRICAN BROTHER WITH  
WHOM WE BATTLED FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT.'

6. RE YOUR REQUEST FOR OUR ESTIMATE OF PRESS FACILITIES IN  
KANO, HARRIS CORPORATION (RADIO COMMUNICATION NIGERIA) HOLDS  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONRACT WITH MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS VIA  
SATELLITE. THEY HAVE A STATION IN KANO THAT IS LINKED TO LAGOS.  
THEY TELL US THAT THEIR PRESENT CAPACITY WOULD BE ONE VIDEO AND  
ONE AUDIO CHANNEL TO LAGOS PROVIDED THEY PREEMPT ALL OTHER  
OPERATIONS. THIS WOULD ENABLE A TV POOL TO TRANSMIT BUT THAT  
WOULD BE ALL. THERE WOULD BE NO RADIO, TELEPHONE OR TELEX  
UNLESS NIGERIAN P AND T WOULDACCOMODATE, WHICH WE JUDGE DOUBT-  
FUL. A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF KANO/LAGOS COMMUNICATIONS  
CAPABILITIES COULD BE OBTAINED FROM JIM ANLANDINGHAM,  
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